

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Examiner

Ting Zhou

Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 24 May 2004.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 2-11, 13-21, 27 and 28.
3. ☒ The drawings filed on 05 July 2001 are accepted by the Examiner.
4. ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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5. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 6. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
7. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
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7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____


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Allowable Subject Matter

1. The request for continued examination (RCE) and amendments submitted with the filing of the RCE on 24 May 2004 have been received and entered.
2. Claims 1, 12 and 22-26 have been cancelled by the applicant. Claims 2-11, 13-21, 27 and 28 are allowed.
3. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

The present invention teaches a schedule management system including an internal server for a managing party and a public web server accessible by one or more managed parties. Each independent claim identifies the distinct feature of an internal server for a managing party and a public web server accessible by one or more managed parties, with the internal server and the public web server being connected via a first network and the public web server and managed parties being connected via a second network comprising "a common schedule table provided on the public web server, the common schedule table storing the schedule transferred from the internal server via the first network, enabling means provided on the public web server for enabling the managed parties to refer to the schedule stored in the common schedule table via the second network, receiving means provided on the public web server, the receiving means receiving modification data addressed to the public web server from one or more of the managed parties via the second network, an input database provided on the public web server for storing the modification data, and extracting means provided on the public web server for extracting

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from the input database the modification data for transfer thereof to the internal server via the first network”, wherein “the internal server is further configured to reject data addressed to the internal server from the managed parties”. The closest prior art, O’Brien U.S. Patent 6,587,831, teaches an online scheduling system where schedules are created and managed by a host server communicating with client machines. The prior art fails to teach “a common schedule table provided on the public web server, the common schedule table storing the schedule transferred from the internal server via the first network, enabling means provided on the public web server for enabling the managed parties to refer to the schedule stored in the common schedule table via the second network, receiving means provided on the public web server, the receiving means receiving modification data addressed to the public web server from one or more of the managed parties via the second network, an input database provided on the public web server for storing the modification data, and extracting means provided on the public web server for extracting from the input database the modification data for transfer thereof to the internal server via the first network”, wherein “the internal server is further configured to reject data addressed to the internal server from the managed parties”, where communication between the internal server and the public web server are separated from the communication between the public web server and the managed parties, through the two networks. Therefore, the prior art fails to anticipate or render the above limitations obvious.

4. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue

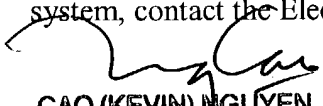
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fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ting Zhou whose telephone number is (703) 305-0328. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday 8:00 am - 5:30 pm.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, John Cabeca can be reached on (703) 308-3116. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 872-9306.

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